The committee selected three recipients for awards in education who were honored at the September Section meeting on September 15, 2017 at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond:

The Distinguished Elementary School Science Teacher Award was presented to Amy Glascock, an elementary teacher for fourteen years, most recently at A. G. Richardson Elementary School in Culpeper, VA, for her service there. She and her husband have moved to Maryland due to his work transfer, and she is now teaching there.

The Distinguished Middle School Science Teacher Award was presented to Lynn Shope, who taught a variety of courses at Stonewall Jackson Middle School in Hanover County over a seventeen year period, were she also served as Science Department Chair for part of that time. Lynn retired at the end of this past school year.

The Franklin D. Kizer Distinguished High School Chemistry Teacher Award was presented to Mark C. Metcalfe of Fort Defiance High School in Augusta County. In addition to teaching chemistry for decades, he was a VHSL volleyball referee. Mark also retired at the end of the past school year after a distinguished career in several Virginia school districts.

Two former members of the committee should be commended for their work on the committee: Wade Downey, who retired after 2016, and Eileen Downey, who retired after 2017. Larry White continues as chair and two or more members have yet to be selected.

There are several tasks that need to be addressed: select new committee members, nominations for awards for past recipients at the Regional and National level; revision of Section nomination forms to be compatible with awards at higher levels; review nominations for possible recipients still on file and contact nominators about the nominee.

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